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COLLEGE CONTRIBUTES TO EUROPEAN RELIEF FUNDS TOTAL OF $3350

Hoover Dinner Postponed

The Hoover dinner, for the benefit of European relief, which was scheduled to take place last week, was postponed indefinitely, due to difficulty in procuring speakers.

The two Hoover funds, however, were contributed to by the college as follows:

The European Relief Fund $2,007.27
The European Children's Fund $843.08
The Wellesley Red Cross contributed an additional $500 to the Children's Fund.

The Wellesley Service Fund contributed a large part of the totals quoted; to the Students Fund $1200, and to the Children's Fund $800. The remainder was made up from private contributions and from the proceeds of two special collections at Sunday morning chapel.

GLEE CLUB MAY SING WITH HAVERFORD

The Philadelphia Wellesley Club has recently issued an invitation to the college Glee Club which, if accepted, will result in a pleasantly unusual xperience. The Wellesley singers have been urged to combine with the Haverford College Glee Club in a concert to be given in Philadelphia some time around March thirteenth, for the benefit of the Semi-Centennial fund. Whether the Senate will give the Club permission for the trip is as yet uncertain.

SETTLE DOUBTS!

During the week of Prayer, the usual services in the chapel will be held at 5 o'clock, each afternoon. Also from 7:00 to 7:30 in the evenings, Dr. Merrell will hold discussion meetings

Monday-Stone
Tuesday—Pomeroy
Wednesday—Washington
Thursday—Norumbega
Friday—Tower Court

After the discussion meetings Dr. Merrill will hold short private conferences. There will be schedules posted on the house boards of the dormitories listed above, so that girls desiring to do so, may sign up for individual conferences.

On all house boards there will be placed envelopes in which you are urged to put all the questions you want discussed at the after-dinner meeting.

Don't be reluctant about asking questions or signing up for conferences, because Dr. Merrill has come to help settle whatever doubts we have.

(Week of Prayer Committee)

Report of Service Fund Committee Shows Expenditure of $6714

MORE THAN $7500 REMAINS TO BE COLLECTED IF ALL PLEDGES ARE TO BE PAID

The report of the Wellesley College Service Fund Committee follows:

1. Girls' schools or colleges in India, Turkey and Spain $1250.00
2. Salaries for Dr. Hume, Dr. Bissell, and K. Williams $1400.00
3. Home Missions, such as Aunt Dinah, Boston Baby Hygiene, American Indians and the Pine Mountain and Hindman Settlements $537.00
4. Relief Work, such as that in Armenia and India $350.00
5. Christmas Gift to the Union Oriental Colleges $156.85
6. Chinest Famine Relief $170.00
7. Hoover Funds
   a. European Student Relief $2007.27
   b. Fund for Starving Children $843.08
   (Remembering the gift of $500 for the Red Cross, Wellesley's total gift for the Starving Children is $1343.08. Wellesley's combined gifts for the two Hoover funds is therefore $3350.35, and this with no special "drive").

The Committee has thus already expended $6714.20

The total amount received since September, including paid pledge, Sunday collections, and additional contributions to special funds is $8220.49

The total amount pledged for the year, which the Committee already has mentally, if not actually, spent is $15,938.59

We trust that the minds of the Committee may stay solvent, by means of one hundred per cent pledges! This, however, is not intended primarily as a dun, but merely as a report of progress.

Helen S. French,
Treasurer of the Wellesley College Service Fund.

PRINCETON PLANS TO LIMIT STUDENT BODY TO 2,000

Pres. John G. Hibben Names Faculty Committee to Devise Fair Restriction Scheme

Princeton, Jan. 23.—President John G. Hibben of Princeton University has announced the appointment of a committee of the Faculty to devise a plan for restricting the enrollment "that may be fair to all applicants and secure for us the most desirable body of students." Discussions in committees of the Board of Trustees and among the alumni and faculty indicate that the figure will, in all probability, be set at two thousand.

In a statement issued today, President Hibben said:—"We wish to limit the enrollment to that number which we can properly accommodate and still maintain the character of our Princeton life and educational policy. We have always believed in the greatest possible amount of direct contract between teacher and student and likewise in concentrating the life of the university upon the campus. We do not feel that we can maintain the university's traditional policy and our present traditional methods if we allow ourselves to be drawn into a policy of indefinite expansion."

Though this is the first announcement concerning the university's policy with regard to restricting enrollment, the matter does not come as a surprise to those familiar with conditions at Princeton. Last year in announcing the university's policy to the alumni at the opening of the endow-

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FACULTY GYMNASIUM CLASS VISITED

Mysterious Class at Mary Hemenway Visited By Prominent Seniors

The sacred veils of mystery which shroud the class of faculty gymnasium, were rudely wrenched asunder last Tuesday evening, when some very prominent persons witnessed the appointment. The fortunate ones have consented to be interviewed and permit us to drag the following details of their adventure before the eager eye of the public.

Their chief difficulty was in gaining access to the room in which the ritual is enacted. By means of the simple ruse of looking intelligent, they passed the unsuspecting janitor who unlocked the front doors while assuring them that he "hadn't really expected anyone till quarter past seven." Elated by their success they scampered to the dressing rooms to avert suspicion. From here they surreptitiously attempted to obtain the coveted balcony seats. Locked doors barred them from these positions of honor, so they returned to the dressing room for a consultation at about the time that the faculty arrived. With thoughtful foresight of the athlete's reticence the prominent persons crouched in the showers until the stamping of feet assured them that things had started.

Emerging from the dampness of their hiding place they crept up stairs to the door which opens in the gymnasium floor. A prominent placard proclaims that, "This den is not to be

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FRESHMEN FORGET THE TORTURES OF EXAMS AT JUNIOR TEAS

Math. and Comp. Exams Celebrated by Dances in All College Dormitories

In spite of the fervent exclamations to the effect that "I know I flunked" and "Wasn't that fiendish?" The freshmen revived from their math. and Comp. exams at teas given by the juniors directly after the examinations.

The After-Math. teas were given Thursday afternoon, Feb. 2nd, in Cazenove, Beebe, Tower, Wood, Freeman and Fiske. The drawing rooms of these dormitories were made attractive by tall reading lamps and easy chairs with bright cushions.

Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 8th, After-Comp. teas were given in Shafer, Pomeroy, Claflin, Stone, and Wilder.

The guests of honor were treated equally royally here. Ice cream or punch and cookies were served for refreshments.

One freshman with a frantic after-exam look, torn hair net, and short finger nails, showed her appreciation by saying she knew the juniors had got the idea of their teas from a Briggs' cartoon of "When a feller needs a friend."

The juniors who were appointed chairmen for their houses were:

Cazenove—A. L. Beckman
Beebe—M. Van Dorn
Tower—E. Fry
Wood—E. Peckham
Freeman—H. Weldon
Pomeroy—F. Sturgis
Shafer—D. Gunderson
Claflin—E. Lindsay
Wilder—P. Carter

OPEN NIGHT AT OBSERVATORY, FEB. 12

The Whitin Observatory will be open to all members of the College, Saturday, February 12th, from 7:30 to 9:30. If the sky is clear, Venus and the Moon will be shown with the telescopes. Venus has phases like the Moon's and is now so situated with respect to the Earth and Sun that it resembles the Moon near first quarter.

An auroral display was seen February first, instead of the usual high streamers in the north, low clouds of pulsating light extended all along the northern half of the horizon. At midnight, they formed a continuous band, pale green in the east and west, rosy in the north. As auroras are most likely to occur when spots on the Sun are most numerous, it was interesting the next day to see a fairly large spot and a group of several small ones. The time of minimum solar activity is approaching and spots are not so frequent now as they have been in recent years.

L. B. Allen.

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BOLSHEVIKI CAPTURE THE NEWS

The college Bolsheviki have captured the News' young and innocent hound, Adonais, and are holding him prisoner. They are exacting as ransom the permission to write and publish the next issue of the News. As a result, the next copy will be entitled the Heretic's number and will be edited by Ruth Metzger, assisted by Margaret Metzger, Ada Haesler, and Marcia Cressey.

The present editors refuse to be responsible for material printed in that issue. They will have an entire week of holiday. But between examinations and other engagements they will recall with slight apprehension the dynamic new power in the Dug Out.

The present staff understands that the first act of these unique Bolsheviki who take as their motto, "The pen is mightier than the sword," will be to apologize for all past copies of the News. We wish to thwart their purpose and do so in advance.

Free Press Column

All contributions for this column must be signed with the full name of the author. Only articles thus signed will be printed. Initials or numerals will be used in printing the articles if the writer so desires.

The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions and statements which appear in this column.

Contributions should be in the hands of the Editors by 9 P. M. on Sunday.

Contributions must be as brief as possible.

THE LECTURE SYSTEM

The writer of a recent Free Press article is sadly mistaken in the assumption that the lecture method dominates the university, as distinguished from the college. The characteristic university method, on the other hand, is that of the seminary in which it is impossible to avoid what the Free Press writer calls "bickering detail."

The justified desire at the heart of the Free Press article in question is for unification of detail, for a "connected idea of what it is all about." But this unification must be made by the student for herself instead of being handed out to her by a lecturer. Unquestionably, lectures may contribute to the process of unifying unrelated data; but the exclusive lecture method, in college or in university, breeds passive listeners instead of active students.

The ideal college class combines all methods but fundamentally insists on the student's own contribution to her own progress in the apprehension and the interpretation of facts.

Mary Whiton Calkins.

IS CARD-PLAYING INIQUITOUS?

Inasmuch as there is no rule in the Gray Book against playing cards in dormitories with men, many girls have naturally assumed that they had a perfect right to entertain their callers in this harmless manner. It has been the policy of some Heads of Houses, however, to request that students do not play cards with men in dormitories. Can't we come to some definite understanding on this subject, in order that the students in one house shall not possess privileges which students in another house do not enjoy? There surely can be nothing objectionable or harmless in a game of bridge, and we fail to see why the Heads of Houses should take such exception to this innocent pastime.

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WE TRY AGAIN

Sometimes the absence of a chapel service on Monday morning seems to be an adroit slap at Sunday, as if, forsooth, we had had enough worship and meditation on the Sabbath to tide us over until Tuesday: and yet, those who attend chapel on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thrusday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday (and there certainly are such students) feel as if the benediction of the day is lacking on Monday. It means enough to make them want on the first week-day the same opportunity for inspiration and strength that comes through meditation with worship that the other days afford.

We do not, however, call the sinners but the righteous to attendance. You who do not meet with us during the week cannot greatly object to an additional service.. If you will go every day we know in advance that you will not object, but if you go once a week or less frequently even you may protest. Yet before doing so try attending chapel every day for three short weeks.

Is it not true that more than anything else the morning chapel services little by little impress upon the student the high Christian ideals that have made and are making Wellesley College?

M. W. '23

SMALL TOWN STUFF

Most of us in our reading have become wearily familiar with the type of person popularly supposed to come from the small town, and known as the town gossip. She it is who makes everyone else's business hers, with as many alterations as seem fitting.

Such people, it is said, result from the narrow and circumscribed outlook on life which the small town affers. Is that same quality to be attributed to Wellesley? Has the particular small town genus which results in gossiping and prying and carping about others pervaded our college life?

The peculiarly unfounded stories which have been going the rounds of the dormitories lately point to such an intellectual vacuum in our surroundings.

It is rather serious to have to face the charge that college girls have so few interests and such limited opportunities for exercising their imaginations that they must, forsooth, resort to gore parties and to the inevitable conversational refuge of—"Oh, have you heard about—?" Of course there are a few abnormal people in every community who are entitled to be pitied rather than blamed for such manifestations of an unfortunate turn of mind. But when their mental creations have passed through four or five exclusive—or is it ultra-inclusive?—centers of discussion, it has become almost impossible to know where the story started, or what the original elements of it were, anyway. When results which may seriously affect the lives of others begin to arise from such a situation, it is time to think over any participation which we may have had in creating it, as well as the implication about our college life which it sets forth.

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EXCHANGE

The Boston College fund-raising committee has opened a contest, in which anyone may compete, to obtain a suitable slogan for their $2,000,000 drive. Prizes are being offered for the best slogans submitted.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

The attention of seniors and graduate students is called to the announcements of scholarships and fellowships in American and foreign colleges and universities, which are posted, from time to time, on the Graduate Bulletin Board, near Room 20, Administration Building.

Eighteen scholarships, of three hundred dollars each, are offered for use in graduate work in Wellesley College. These scholarships cover tuition in graduate work, and are assigned by the Committee on Graduate Instruction to applicants of approved scholarship. Applications for these should be made on or before May 1.

Members of the Committee on Graduate Instruction will be glad to give information concerning scholarships and fellowships.

Anna J. McKeag.
Chairman of the Committee on Graduate Instruction.

SCANDINAVIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Committee on Graduate Instruction has received an announcement concerning twenty Fellowships, each bearing a stipend of at least one thousand dollars, to be awarded in March to students of American birth, for use in studying in one of the Scandinavian countries. Further particulars are posted on the Graduate Bulletin Board, near Room 20, Administration Building. Candidates should secure application blanks from the Chairman of the Committee on Graduate Instruction.

Anna J. McKeag,
Chairman of the Committee on Graduate Instruction.

"BUTTON, BUTTON, WHO'S GOT THE BUTTON?"

"Ground-hog, ground-hog, who's seen a ground-hog?" was the baffled cry of the weather prophets last Wednesday, as they waited to see a traditional story come true.

The intriguing tale told by the wise in nature lore is that on February 2, the ground-hog emerges from his wintry hole, and if he sees his shadow—here the story breaks down. No one seems to know exactly what happens next. Some say that he retires in fear, and winter continues; others claim that he remains out in the sunshine, and that this portends an early spring

Even encyclopedias dodge the issue. The Brittannica is silent on the subject of "Ground-hog Day," so is "Five Thousand Facts and Fancies," and "A Dictionary of Curious Information." The Century Dictionary alone faces the matter squarely. It says that on Candlemas Day the ground-hog, alias wood-chuck or marmot, is supposed to leave his habitation and walk abroad. If he sees his shadow on the ground he runs back into his burrow for another six weeks, and this means a late spring.

Rival factions in the college cannot agree as to what the outcome would

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THE TAGORE LECTURE

Will the editors of the College News grant me the privilege of calling the attention of its readers to an occasion? The News report of Dr. Tagores lecture, in assigning to the department of philosophy the honor of presenting Dr. Tagore to the college, neglected to add that both department and college were debtors to Mrs. Corinne A. Waldo (Wellesley 1900, and at present graduate student in philosophy) who brought about the visit of Tagore to Wellesley, and managed all the details of the lecture with able assistance from the students from that department. The department acknowledges, also, the support of all members of the college which has made it possible to offer to the Fund six hundred dollars as outcome, in money, of the lecture.

To these expressions of appreciation should be added grateful acknowledgement of the kindness of Tagore himself who met instructors and students of the department, on the afternoon preceding the lecture, and spoke to them on the conception of personality in Oriental philosophy.

Mary Whiton Calkins.

PRINCETON LIMITS STUDENTS

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ment campaign, President Hibben stated that it was his ambition that Princeton should be "not a big university, but a great university."

"Though there are other factors that enter into the situation," continued the President in his statement today, "at the present time the deciding consideration must be that of sound financial policy. Financial difficulties, though with our present deficit of $212,000 they are serious, might be overcome.

"In restricting our numbers it would seem that for the present we are also confining ourselves to sound financial policy. Our plans for the endowment campaign were drawn in the belief that we were making provision for the work of the university for the next ten years. Based on the rate of increase in enrollment in the 10-year period from 1905 to 1915, it was assumed that the university's undergraduate body would not reach the 2,000 limit before the expiration of that period. In the year 1917-1918, as a result of the war, the total number of undergraduates in Princeton was reduced to 898. This year there are already in attendance 1816 undergraduates, and it would tend to appear as if the 2,000 limit would be reached shortly. It appears that the dormitories at the present time have a capacity for accommodating only 1,275 students. The laboratories, the gymnasium and the library would also be crowded beyond their capacity and beyond the possibilities of doing effective work if the undergraduate enrollment were allowed to exceed the 2,000 limit. This would necessitate a large building program upon which the university is now unwilling to enter, and seriously alter the character of Princeton's life. It seems to us that the moment has come when we must consider what policy we are to follow in the future and whether we are to preserve our present character or allow ourselves to increase in size indefinitely, even at the cost of sacrificing much that we believe to be good in our present system."

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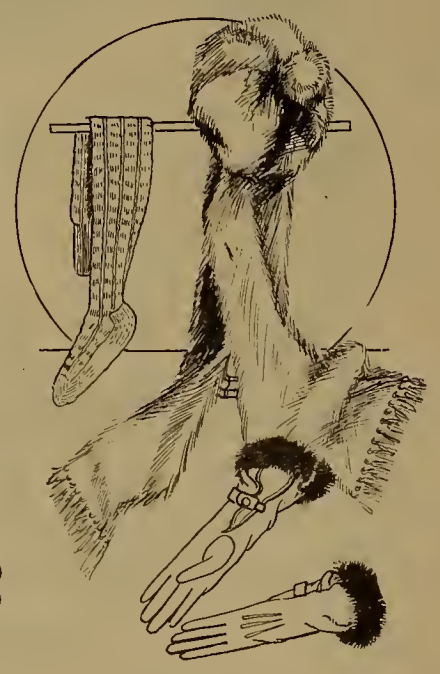

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WORK OF MISS OLIVE DAVIS TOLD BY HEADS OF HOUSES

At the February first meeting of the Heads of Houses, it was voted to spread upon the minutes Miss Mary Caswell's article in the News of January nineteenth, upon the death of Miss Olive Davis, including the following addition.

Some important achievements accomplished by Miss Davis as Director of Halls of Residence, seemed to the committee to be worthy of special mention. Seventeen houses that are still in operation, besides several that were used for emergency, wereopened. The building of the Quadrangle houses was personally superintended by her, and to her expert technical training is due the success of their culinary arrangements. The making of correct ménus was a subject in which she took keen interest. She was most insistent upon attractive, as well as properly planned, meals. Through her efforts, the Lake Waban Laundry was built and operated, as a measure of convenience and health. To insure the safety of the students, she established our system of fire drills.

In Miss Davis' relations with her Heads of Houses, she was always ready to help and advise, upholding us at all times. Her attitude was that of a loyal friend. By those of us who were privileged to enjoy her friendship, her memory will be greatly cherished.

Mary Snow,
Effie Jane Buell,
Mabel P. Daniel.

FACULTY GYMNASIUM CLASS

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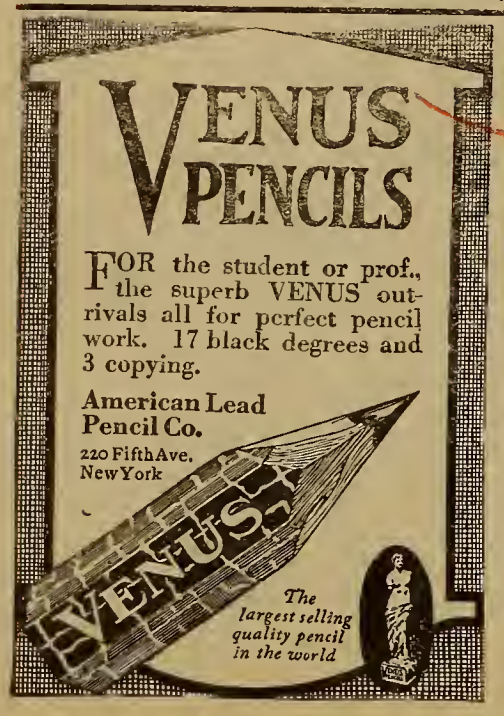
opened during this appointment." Nothing abashed the conspirators opened the door and breathed long breaths of triumph; for they were the first undergraduates to behold the exercises. Just then a sense of shyness and an intangible sort of intuition that perhaps they were not quite welcome, combined with the rumor that the class stops dead at the sight of a visitor, shortened their proposed visit to the briefest of inspection.

But brief as was their stay, they were able to observe the striking similarity between what they beheld and the work required of the student body. The prominent persons were at once charmed and edified by their experience and assure us that the mystery of faculty gym is well worth perpetuating.



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MEMORY AIDS

Now that the well known midyears have exhausted the memories of these few of us who flaunted them of yore, the News volunteers a course in painless memorizing. Several well-known psychologists have assured us of the brilliant audacity of our undertaking, and promised that our plan must meet with success, since its roots are deeply imbedded in one of the most profound, and fundamental psychological truths—i. e., the great theory that man's most primitive mode of expression is through song. Thus emboldened we venture to place cur idea before the public and in this issue in displaying a handy way if remembering the dates of John Milton's youth.

(To be sung to the tune of "Grieving for you.") Hum this three times before singing—Milton was born in 1-6-0-8.

I said sixteen eight
Perhaps it wasn't that late.
He went to school in 1-6-2-0
Thus commenced his woe
He always studied so
At this prep school he stayed till '25
And then he did contrive
To find another dive
Well-known as Christ's College.
In '29 he got his B. A.
John said, "here, I'll stay—
Things are so bright and gay."
So he remained till 1-6-3-2
What a thing to do
I'll bet his folks were blue
Then he went home, and stayed until '38—
Sure as fate
That's the date,
Thus ends John Milton's youth.

(Editor's notes—1. If you care to have any subject set to music simply send its name to us and we shall print it to the tune of your favorite song in our next issue.) 2. Since this paper has gone to press we have received the following wire—

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I DON'T

My roommate tells me not to cuss
I don't.
She tells me that it's wrong to fuss
I don't.
She will not let me wave my hair
I don't.
For men, she says I should not care
I don't.
Nice girls don't stray in Harvard Yard
I don't.
Good women loathe the playing cards
I don't.
She claims it's fierce to cut a class
I don't.
Perhaps you think I like that lass.
I don't.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Marion Lockhart, 1921, has been appointed to the Historical Committee to take the place of Marion Lockwood, who has resigned. Secretaries of all organizations are requested to give to Miss Lockhart all printed matter, such as reports, programs, etc., for the Historical Collection.

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February 10—Examinations.

February 11—Junior Promenade at Gymnasium.

February 12—Whitin Observatory will be open to members of the college from 7:30 until 9:30 P. M.

February 13, 11:00 A. M.—Preacher, President John M. Thomas of Middlebury College.

Vespers, special music.

February 14—Second semester opens.

4:30 P. M.—Houghton Memorial Chapel, first of series of addresses for week of prayer. Address by Dr. William P. Merrill of Brick Presbyterian Church of New York City.

February 15,

February 16—

February 17—

4:30 P. M. at Chapel.

Week of prayer address.

WHO'S GOT THE BUTTON?

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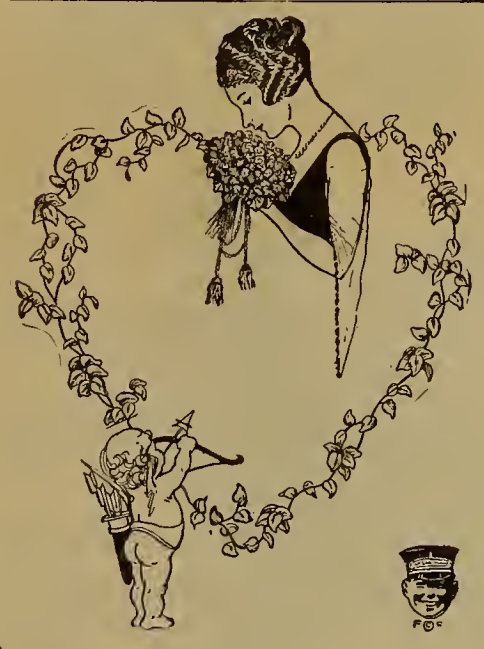
have been if they had seen a ground-hog, because it was cloudy on Wednesday morning, but sunny in the afternoon. At what hour do ground-hogs emerge? Can anyone solve the problem? In the meantime the battle rages over the question, "Is it winter, or spring?"

PRESIDENT HADLEY PRAISES ACHIEVEMENT OF COLLEGE NEWSPAPER

The Yale News, the oldest college daily in America, recently celebrated its forty-third anniversary. President Hadley commented thus favorably on the occasion.

"The best thing that a newspaper can do is to voice and mold public opinion. Nowhere is this more important than at Yale, because this University is a place where students are largely governed by the public opinion of the college, and are training themselves to shape the public opinion of America.

"It is a fortunate thing that successive News' Boards have appreciated their opportunity and responsibility, and have done their work so well. They have made the paper an agency of student self-government, more effective than any organized machinery, because its influence reaches deeper down.. Being human, they have sometimes made mistakes; but I do not know of any journal in the outside world which, in a period of forty-three years, has made so few mistakes in proportion to its successes."



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